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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF DAVID WALKER FOR UN INDEPENDENT AUDIT
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11. (U) Charge and Poloff made demarche to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Zainab Bangura, on October 23 (ref B). Poloff followed up with a meeting with the Acting Director General at MFA, Mr. Andrew Bangali, on Friday October 26. Mr. Bangali was aware of the candidacy of Mr. Walker and had been in contact with the Minister. While Bangali stopped short of promising that Sierra Leone will vote for Mr. Walker, it is clear he has focused on the information provided in our demarche. The Minister has been in office only since last week, and is still organizing the Ministry. This situation may contribute to the Acting Director General's reticence.

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